MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : The information required is not available as the expenditure of the department for the Uplift of Backward Communities is incurred not for any particular denominational group but for the general well being of all the people comprised in the term backward communities.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : അവശസമുദായപട്ടികയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള ഓരോ ജാതിയേയും വേണ്ടവിധം മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ടല്ലേ അനുകൂല്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുകൊടുത്തത്?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : അതെ.

Sub-Registrar's Office at Ramapuram.

78. *MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHY (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation from the public of Ramapuram pakuthi in Minachil taluk for opening a Sub-Registrar's Office at Ramapuram ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Director of Registration*) : No.

Standard Note Books.

79. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether measures have been adopted by Government to see that the standard note books which have the words "120 pages" printed on the cover page do actually contain 120 pages when they reach the students for whom they are intended ;

(*b*) whether some of the books are short of the exact number of pages ; and

(*c*) whether they have considered the necessity and the feasibility of numbering the pages serially so as to enable the students to notice the deficiency, if any, easily ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Controller of Stationery and Printing*) : (*a*) A test checking is being conducted, in the Government Press, of some of the books from each bundle to see whether they contain the correct number of pages.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No, as page numbering will cause delays in the issue of books, and increase the cost of production.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know the result of the checking ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : Checking, in very rare cases, has shown that one or two sheets are absent some time. Even this morning I have been conducting a surprise checking, and no shortage of sheets has been found. This is not an individual production. So far we have made and sold about 3½ lakhs of note books. In such cases, it is not possible to page number each note book. If honourable members require such a service, we can arrange for it, but it will take a long time and the cost will also have to be raised by 2 or 3 chuckrams per book.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I take it that the answer to part (*b*) is not a positive one ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : Yes it is. In such mass production it is perfectly justifiable to allow for what are known as tolerances. In this case we can allow 5% for tolerences in such hasty manufacture.

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MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know the cost of a note book at present?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: 7 chuckrams.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): May I know what the cost will be if the pages are numbered?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: It may mean an extra two or three chuckrams per book.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know to whom these books are supplied?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: The Headmasters of schools, in the interests of the students, are expected to approach direct the Superintendent, Government Press. And all such who have asked for note books have been supplied, except perhaps a very small number who are included in the waiting list.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): May I know from the honourable member the cost of paper required of one standard note book?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: At present it will be about 7 chuckrams, probably a little less than that. The cost of a note book has been arrived at on the basis of the cost of the paper and the cost of the labour involved. Government make practically no profit out of this.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH: May I know the cost of production?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: I cannot give that exactly off hand now, but I shall call for the information.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH: May I know whether any tenders have been invited for this work?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: This is a Government production to meet an emergency. There was no necessity for inviting tenders.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH: When was this work begun?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: We have been able to take stock of the requirements sufficiently early. Long before the schools re-opened, the books were got ready in the Government Press. Hence if anybody did not get these books, the fault must be with the school authorities, who delayed action.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I request the Controller of the stationery to give special attention to my statement that at least in two cases school teachers from Kaviyoor had to wait for three days and more for notebook being delivered to them, because the previous orders had not yet been executed and this happened even as late as 11th Mithunam 1118.

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: I shall certainly make enquiries into this. But the position must be realised. Here is an acute shortage of paper. The Punalur Paper Mills are helping us a geat deal. They cannot supply us all the quantity of paper immediately as soon as wanted for the production of standard note books. In the first place, the necessary quantity of paper has to be obtained from the Punalur Mills. Sometimes that quantity is transported by train and at other times by lorries. If there is a shortage of paper on hand to produce the standard books, naturally there will be some delay. A couple of days of delay in such matters cannot but be avoided. It is quite possible that some

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persons may have suffered some inconvenience. Certain institutions may have had to wait for the receipt of the books. Under these circumstances if the honourable member is particular, I shall call for the necessary information.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether there is any difficulty in arranging for the sale of standard note books through the Division Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors in various places?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: There is no difficulty to so arrange for the sale of note books. But the greater the number of channels for effecting retail sales, the greater may be the trouble arising on account of the shortage of paper and delays in transit.

SADASYATILIKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): May I know whether, immediately before the price of paper began to abnormally rise, any estimate of what will be required for two to three years was made and whether any forward contract has been entered into by Government in the production of standard note books?

PRESIDENT: With whom?

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: With any firm who could supply paper.

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: We have been quite anxious to enter into forward contracts in this matter. But the difficulty has been that the other party has not been so willing to enter into a binding contract.

PRESIDENT: The honourable members evidently are not fully aware that paper is controlled by the Government of India. The Government of India passed an order and communicated it directly to the Punalur Paper Mills commandeering 9/10 of their production. Then it was very humbly and quite respectfully pointed out that there is an Indian State called Travancore where the Punalur Paper Mills is situate and that this paper is manufactured in that Indian State. All that I want to say now is that they have realised that there is a state like Travancore. That much is fairly clear. Now an order has been passed by this Government commandeering the balance stock of paper available in the Mills. That is the exact position. The question is that the Government of India wanted to take all the paper produced in that Mill for their supply. Evidently they forgot that there is a population of 6 million in Travancore out of which 3/4 of a million are attending the schools and colleges of the State. These things had been pointed out to them. Further there is this fact viz., that there are 2000 miles intervening between Trivandrum and New Delhi.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: What I wanted to know was whether, immediately before the beginning of this trouble viz., the shortage of paper, any forward contract had been entered into with any Firm?

PRESIDENT: The point is that Government were willing to buy paper not only from Punalur Paper Mills but from other Paper Mills all over India. But the question was "Will they sell": If they begin to sell paper to us they will surely be prosecuted.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): May I know what percentage of the total production of paper is used for this purpose?

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DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: It is a difficult matter to reply at the moment exactly. Perhaps one per cent.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know the number of schools that have not been supplied with standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: I made enquiries into the matter even this morning. Practically all the paper received on this account in the press have been utilised for the production of note books. There may be a few persons who have advanced money to the press and are waiting to collect the note books as soon as they are ready in the press. At the moment, there are about 20000 note books awaiting distribution. The note books are not retailed to anybody other than the Headmasters of schools who have to take the responsibility for the number of students on whose behalf they apply. I do not think there is any large body of people waiting just at present for the purchase of note books.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there was a press note that schools will have to use only standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Certainly not Sir; The use of standard note books is not a compulsory affair. Those who cannot afford any other costly kind of note books may buy such note books at a cost of seven chuckrams each. The other note books cost as much as Rs. 1-8-0 each.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the schools have been informed about the availability of standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Yes Sir.

PRESIDENT: If all the schools decline to purchase the standard note books I will gladly use them for our purpose. If the schools were to say publicly that they do not require such books the Government will be greatly obliged to them.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the shortage of paper and the difficulties arising therefrom were brought to the notice of Government by the teachers and others?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: No Sir.

PRESIDENT: That is one of the world phenomenon of the day.

Standard Note Books.

80 *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which standard note books were distributed among students?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: The standard note books began to be issued from the Government Press from 3-10-1118.

Scheme for Training in Co-operative principles.

81. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned any scheme submitted by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies regarding the course of instructions to be given to the officers of the Co-operative Department on principles of co-operation; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the details of the scheme so sanctioned?

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